



NEWSLETTER

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FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-789-8009 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

Thank You and Good-Bye: Well it's not actually Good-Bye as Peg and I plan to be here for quite some time. And why not, Cheverly is a great place to live.

I do want to say "Thank You" to everyone in town (especially Peggy) for the giving me the opportunity to be Mayor of this wonderful town for the last nine years. We've accomplished a lot together in that time. Actually, to be perfectly honest you've accomplished a lot in during this time.

I can never thank the council members, town staff, town organizations, and town residents enough for all they have done. While I have tried to assist whenever asked, the real magic of Cheverly is you, the residents of the town.

Together we've restored the town's financial basis, beat back bad development ideas on the outskirts of our town, developed plans for the future development, renewed the town infrastructure, and so much more.

Financial Stability: I'm not going to spend time talking about accomplishments as every January we fill the Newsletter with the accomplishments of the previous year. However, I do want to thank every council member for their thoughtful consideration of the last nine year's budgets; I want to thank our town staff for their conservative principles when handling town funds, and thank you the, taxpayers.

As we head into the future we have established a good financial base for future councils to continue to build on. We've managed to maintain a very competitive tax rate in comparison to our neighboring municipalities and simultaneously build a fund balance of over three million dollars, all while improving our infrastructure. This required teamwork from

all, but special kudos go to the town staff who managed this process.

Budget 2020: Due to transition issues we are behind in the budget process and may require a few special meetings to catch up so that we can pass our budget in June. Please hang in there with us as we go through the process.

There are a couple of things I'd like to mention. We are committed to trying to keep the tax rate at .51 cents per one hundred dollars, however, as I've mentioned many times before if the tax rate stays constant, but assessments values increase then the result is an increase in your municipal tax bill. This year the result will yield an additional \$179,000 in property tax revenue. While my math is from the "back of the envelope" the result will be about a \$65 increase in your yearly tax bill next year. Increases will include commercial, industrial and the apartment complex owners. Please note, last year we kept your taxes flat.

One major investment the town needs to make immediately is in personnel. For many years we had individuals leading the organization who had tremendous institutional knowledge and were able to perform many tasks themselves.

This is no longer true, and it requires us do a major review of personnel needs in the organization. We've asked our Interim Town Administrator to perform a review of our office staff and make recommendations regarding how we might better staff for the future. The Interim Town Administrator has signaled that we should add at least 2.5 employees.

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So, as you consider where the \$179,000 will be spent, most likely it will be devoted to beefing up our town staff so that we are able to continue to provide excellent town services.

Dog Park Update: I know that it's been a long time since last I updated you on the status of the Dog Park. My apologies, to be frank there has been absolutely no updates from State Highway Administration.... until this month!

The Public Works Director and I sat down with folks from SHA. The meeting was scheduled to review the final one-acre plat (layout) of the Dog Park area behind the Public Works building that we have all agreed to in past meetings.

Getting the property, surveyed, defined and researched was apparently the long pole in the schedule. The SHA folks are optimistic that the rest of the process will require less than seven months.

Remaining Actions:

- ◆ Appraisal of Land (60 days)
Now that the area is defined, the appropriate parties can do the final appraisal.
- ◆ Appraisal Review:
The process is pretty quick if the land is originally appraised under 100K.
However, if the land is over 100K a second appraisal is required and then a process of determining the appropriate appraisal begins.
Good News: by limiting the site to one acre we should be well under 100K
- ◆ Government Clearance Process:
The land is then offered to other Government Transportation Business Units (TBUs).
SHA is required to let other TBUs determine if they have a need for the property and then the property has to clear through the county. It is not expected that any one will have a use for this land.
- ◆ Deed Preparation and Vote of State Board of Public Works
Pretty straightforward, but dependent on a Public Scheduled meeting of Public Works
- ◆ Purchase and Build!

Budget Questions:

- ◆ 2019 Budget Estimate: In last year's budget the Council set aside \$60,000 on the basis that the land would be free from SHA and \$60,000 would cover the initial cost of partial land clearing (scrub and small trees) and fencing.
- ◆ 2020 Budget Estimate: Recently our new Town Administrator proposed a new estimate of \$260,000 for the purchase and construction of the Dog Park. His initial

thoughts are that the property would cost \$130,000 and construction \$130,000.

These numbers have not been scrubbed. The \$130,000 seems high for an acre of non-usable and inaccessible land. The Town administrator based the estimate on the purchase price of 6301 Kilmer. We were instructed to use the tax assessable value of Town Park instead which is approximately \$45,000 / acre.

Now that we have the specific plat from SHA (and they will be marking the boundaries) we will get better construction estimates.

In summary, I think that a total cost of \$125,000 is reasonable but we will know better soon.

BOOMS and Other Noises in the Night: The Town Administrator and I recently met with personnel from Smith and Sons Recycling. As you recall the shredding equipment at Smith and Sons was the source of the Cheverly Booms but also the source of the grinding noises residents reported hearing throughout the evening. Smith and Sons has adhered to its hours of operation commitments, and while they sometimes run on Sundays they have not been running the shredder at night.

Smith has also continued to enhance their inspection program. They reviewed their three-step inspection process with us, and at least for now the process seems to be working at preventing combustible materials from entering the shredder.

We continue to meet once a quarter to get a report on their operations and any improvements they are introducing.

Smith and Sons Air Quality Permit Hearing May 17th: In September of last year the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) conducted an Informational Hearing regarding the new equipment that Smith and Sons are locating on their property. Smith and Sons has always maintained that they are moving to a "wet process" which will minimize any Air Quality issues. However, they require a permit from MDE because of the type of outdoor operation they run.

At the Informational Hearing, residents had many questions and concerns about the operation, as well as the fact that the nearest MDE Air Quality Monitoring Station was located in Upper Marlboro. Residents indicated that they were concerned that results from Upper Marlboro did not reflect the experience of Cheverly.

MDE has completed their review of the Air Quality Permit for Smith and Sons and has given them conditional approval pending a Public Hearing on the Permit. This hearing will be held on May 17th, please keep posted as the date approaches as the Town will provide details.

Air Quality Monitoring System Update: Just an update on our progress to date with the University of Maryland in deploying sensors throughout town. The Town has approved funding and signed off on the proposal from the University of Maryland. During the week of April 18th, we met and reviewed possible locations for the sensors to be deployed. While very small, the sensors require: a secure location, electrical access, and of course access for maintenance.

By May 1st we should have finalized locations and begun to contact businesses and residents about the possible deployment of sensors on their property.

Simultaneously, we are working with Councilwoman Ivey's office to acquire grants from the county for the purpose of building a data collection facility and a data display function. We hope to acquire this funding to offset the costs from the town. The University of Maryland will be building this functionality so it is hoped to be both a little cutting edge and also a little inexpensive.

What about the Crematorium? On April 24th MDE hosted an Informational Hearing on a potential crematorium to be located in the Arlington Chemical Building at 2313 51st Place. This site is very close to the intersection of Kenilworth Ave and Tuxedo Road and is approximately 100 feet from the nearest residence in Cheverly.

Approximately 20 Cheverly residents came out to ask questions. Since MDE had not begun the review little information was shared regarding the types of issues Cheverly might face. Two main points were made: (a) Maryland and California have the highest standards for air quality regarding crematoriums, (b) crematoriums use standard equipment that is spec'd out to meet these standards.

The owners of Arlington Chemical had previously come to the Town Council in January of 2015 when they began the process of getting approvals. At the time, the Town Council chose not to oppose their efforts. Arlington Chemical only works for specific mortuaries and will have defined hours of operation.

At this point, we have to wait until after the review is completed to see the results. However, we have been working with the University of Maryland to determine what types of sensors we may deploy to monitor Air Quality if this permit is approved.

6301 Kilmer Park: Okay, so I hope everyone knows there a tons of gold fish in the cement pond on the

property. It did my heart some good to see children with nets and bowls scooping goldfish as I was walking down the street the other day.

Of course, that is not the reason for this update. The Town Council had previously approved up to five thousand dollars to hire a firm to assist in developing a park plan for 6301 Kilmer. We have reached out to the Neighborhood Design Center to assist us, as they had helped with the Town Park Plan. While their services were free for Town Park, they have submitted a proposal for approximately nine thousand dollars. The Town Council will consider that proposal in the April 25th Work Session.

Small Cell Technology (5G Service) Cheverly Aesthetic Standards: In the April 11th Town Meeting the Town Council adopted Aesthetic Standards for the introduction of Small Cell (5G) technology. Please remember the town has no ability to deny carriers from placing these devices in the Public Right of Way. What is the Public Right of Way? In general, the Public Right of Way includes anything from the curb of the road to 11 feet into your yard. This is where telephone poles, electrical poles, sidewalks, and underground power currently exist.

So, we are powerless to stop carriers from deploying their services. However, we can provide "reasonable" aesthetic standards. So, the Council adopted them on April 11th and should currently be posted on the Cheverly web site.

These standards are a "first cut". Once the budget is adopted the Council will be turning it's attention to getting more resident input. While the process for adopting these standards was quick, both the Green Infrastructure Committee and Planning Board were involved as much as possible.

Cheverly Day is May 18th: Please come by and enjoy some great music, kinship, food, fun and games with your neighbors on Cheverly Day. Details can be found at: <https://cheverlyday.wordpress.com/>

RECYCLING TOTALS - March 2019

Curbside Recycling 36.9 tons;
Appliances - 3



TOWN OF CHEVERLY NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Cheverly of Maryland proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2019 the estimated real property assessable base will increase by .054% from \$679,286,661 to \$718,016,109
2. If the Town of Cheverly maintains the current tax rate of \$0.51 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by .057% resulting in \$197,520 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.4825, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town of Cheverly is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town of Cheverly proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.51 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is .057% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will yield \$197,520 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 8:00PM on May 9, 2019 at Cheverly Town Hall.

The hearing is open to the public and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301)773-8360 for further information.

TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS

Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted

Apr 11, 2019 Town Meeting

- **Approved Police Mutual Aid Agreement**
- **Adopted Regulations for 5g Small Cell Facilities**

Apr 25, 2019 Worksession

- **Reviewed FY18 Financials with Outside Auditor**
- **Approved Kilmer Street Park Master Plan Proposal**



Message from the Acting Chief
Jarod J. Towers
(policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

DID YOU KNOW...

Wednesday, May 8th is bike to school day! Our officers will be participating with students from Gladys Noon Spellman as they bike to school! Tips on bike safety and a little snack will be provided prior to the event. We welcome everyone to come out, learn something new, and encourage the students and our officers.

May 15th is Peace Officers Memorial Day, a day that was signed into law in October 1962, and a key event of National Police Week, which runs from May 12th through the 18th, in Washington, D.C. Throughout the week, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which further honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice while safeguarding and maintaining the peace and security of communities around the world.

May's Enforcement of the Month:

Avoid the fine by obeying the sign! For the month of May, officers will be focusing on speeding. Too often we get calls and emails from citizens about motorists speeding, endangering our children, pets, bicyclist, and our community. Please be courteous to our neighbors and mindful of the posted speed limit.

Additionally, the department has partnered with the Gladys Noon Spellman PTA to address speeding in town and will be participating in three large enforcement efforts on May 3rd, 10th and 17th to combat traffic issues in town.

Youth outreach:

With summer coming, the department is ramping up its efforts to engage our youth and build a lasting relationship with kids of all ages. The department is working with several organizations in town on a number of upcoming events. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for more information.

The department has partnered with the Cheverly Teen Club to host a kickball league for teens, ages 12 & up. Anyone interested can show up at the Community Center Gym on May 15th, at 6:30 pm, or email rguzman@cheverlypolice.org.

Training:

In May, the department, and residents who are members of the resident radio program, will be participating in Implicit Bias Training. Taught by Dr. Shaunna Payne Gold, the Assistant Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Towson University, the training will explore topics including how fear and bias can influence interactions, the importance of fair and impartial interactions, strategies to reduce implicit bias, the difference between implicit and explicit bias, and how to identify and reduce personal biases. This will be a required training for all members of both the department and the radio program.

New additions to the force:

At the town meeting on Thursday, May 9th, I will officially introduce two new officers to the community. Officer Delante Ford, who worked as a Cheverly Public Works employee prior to attending the police academy, and Officer Jonathan Keene, who is a lateral officer from the New Carrollton Police Department.

Hybrid Patrol Vehicles for FY2020:

As part of the FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan, the department has requested funding to purchase three new hybrid police vehicles. With police vehicles spending a significant amount of time idling, these hybrid vehicles will enable on-board electrical equipment to be powered using a lithium-ion hybrid battery, allowing the gasoline engine to shut off – running only intermittently to charge the battery.

Coffee with the Chief:

Coffee with the Chief will be held every third Monday, from 4pm to 6pm, and every third Wednesday, from 7 am to 9am. In May, these events will be held on Wednesday, May 15th, and Monday, May 20th. Please stop in, have a cup of coffee, voice your concerns, ask questions, or just come meet your favorite officers. We are eager to meet you!

Police Chief's Advisory Board (PCAB):

I want to give a special thank you to all the members of the Police Chief's Advisory Board (PCAB) who dedicate their time to serving our community. The members of the board are committed to addressing the concerns of our community, and to working together to make Cheverly a better and safer place. Please come out and attend their next meeting, on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall's large conference room.

Recruitment:

Did you know that as a resident of the town, if you refer an applicant that is selected for the position of police officer, you get \$500.00? Cheverly Police Department is seeking police officers. If you, or someone you know, are interested in starting a career in law enforcement contact us immediately! Thanks to our Mayor and Council, we offer a competitive salary and great benefits!

Elder Watch Program:

It's been said, "With age comes wisdom..." So, is there any surprise that the Cheverly Police Department is keeping a watchful on our wiser residents? Cheverly Police officers conduct visits with elderly and infirmed residents in town at least twice a month and during inclement weather. During these visits, not only do officers ensure their safety, they share crime information, tips on home safety, and burglary prevention.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sign up for this program contact the department at 301-341-1055.

House Check Program:

If you are going out of town for more than one night and want peace of mind that everything is ok on the home front, sign up for a house check. Every single day that you are gone, a police officer will visit your residence to ensure that everything is ok. Officers will

walk the perimeter of your home to ensure that every window and door is secure, just the way you left it. To sign up, call the station or sign up online at:

http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Police/HouseCheckFormOnline

If you have a concern, an idea, or just want to introduce yourself, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at jtowers@cheverlypolice.org or policechief@cheverly-md.gov or 301-341-1055.

One team, One mission, Team Cheverly!

THE PATROL/TIPLINE TELEPHONE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY!! SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELL TELEPHONE, MOBILE DEVICE, OR NEAR YOUR HOME TELEPHONE: 301-789-5090

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police Headquarters (7am – 7pm Mon-Fri—Sat 8am - 4pm)	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641

Crime Report for MARCH 2019

*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks

03/01/19	0430	Hrs	Auto Theft	6300 Landover Rd
03/02/19	1009	Hrs	B&E (Residential)	3000 Lake Ave
03/03/19	1455	Hrs	Assault	5600 Landover Rd
03/04/19	1016	Hrs	Theft from Auto	2500 Wayne Pl
03/05/19	0350	Hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6000 Arbor St
03/06/19	1615	Hrs	Fraud (Theft)	6400 Landover Rd
03/07/19	1750	Hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
03/09/19	1341	Hrs	Theft (under \$1000)	5700 Greenleaf Rd
03/13/19	0557	Hrs	Theft (under \$100)	6100 Montrose Rd
03/14/19	0700	Hrs	Auto Theft	2800 63rd Pl
03/18/19	2044	Hrs	Robbery	6500 Landover Rd
03/20/19	1205	Hrs	Theft from Auto	4800 Lydell Rd
03/25/19	0125	Hrs	Assault Domestic	6300 Landover Rd
03/25/19	1901	Hrs	Assault Domestic	2400 Lake Ave
03/26/19	1801	Hrs	Vandalism	5600 Greenleaf Rd
03/26/19	2000	Hrs	Assault	6100 Landover Rd
03/28/19	0943	Hrs	Vandalism	6300 Landover Rd

McGruff and Scruff's

Bike Safety Tips



- Always wear a helmet.
- Look both ways for traffic.
- Wear bright clothes.
- Make sure your tires have air in them.
- Use a backpack to carry books and other stuff!
- Always lock your bike up.
- Always ride with a friend.

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Tips to Rid Your Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites

- ◆ Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- ◆ Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
- ◆ Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
- ◆ Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.
- ◆ Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
- ◆ Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover car, boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
- ◆ Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
- ◆ Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.

May 27 2019

MEMORIAL DAY



**Town Offices Closed
No Trash Pick-up**



SOLID ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE

Sec. 4-10 (a) It shall be unlawful for a person controlling an animal, except a seeing eye dog, to allow or permit solid waste of such animal to remain on the property of any other person without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof; or on such public properties as are prohibited by order of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly. Prohibited areas are sidewalks, Gast Park, American Legion Park, Boyd Park, & play areas of all other parks.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- **MON Town Wide YARD WASTE**
- **MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only**
- **TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only**
- **WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)**
- **THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**
- **FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**
- Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00PM the day before your pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.
- **BAMBOO** is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash. Tied up and bundled not longer than 4'
- **ELECTRONICS** are picked up on Wednesday with recycling. TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc. Place these items next to your recycle bucket.
- **APPLIANCES**-Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors) microwaves (any size), A/C units (any size) - \$20 for removal, contact Public Works at 301-773-2666
- **HOLIDAYS?** Public Works crews **DO NOT** work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**

RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS LICENSES

If you are currently operating a business out of your home, you are required to obtain a **Town Residential Business License**.

Home occupations are under (Chapter 9 of Town Code) and (subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code) and do not include any retail business or trade, etc.

Town Residential Business Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Please call the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 or stop by the Town Office to pick up an application form.

The yearly business license fee is \$20.

CHEVERLY RENTAL LICENSES

All single-family, multi-family, and roomer rental dwellings in Cheverly are required by Chapter 5 of the Town Code to obtain a **Cheverly Rental Housing License**.

Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30).

Call the Code Enforcement Office at 240-770-7647 for an application.

The yearly rental license fee is \$100.00

NOTE: Failure to comply with Town Code licensing laws can result in a fine of \$500.

Grass, Weeds and Overgrowth

Obstructions

1. Residents are reminded that with the nice weather more and more residents are out walking. Please keep the walkways and sidewalks clear of overgrowth and obstructions
2. Keep vegetation from obstruction the view near intersections.

Lot Maintenance

1. Residents are reminded to make sure your grass is cut before it reaches 8 inches in height.
2. Also, the planting strip between the sidewalk and the street is your responsibility to maintain
3. If you are going on vacation, make sure you make arrangements to have your grass cut for you.
4. Be sure to take into consideration that the weather can be unpredictable, but the grass still needs to be cut.

VACATIONS & HOME SECURITY:

Residents planning to be away for vacations should call the Cheverly Police (**301-341-1055**) to arrange to have their homes checked while they are gone.

The following items should also be checked to make sure your residence is safe and looks as much as possible like someone is there:

- Cancel newspaper & mail delivery or have a neighbor pick it up for you.
- Arrange for lawn care.
- Valuables should be stored, preferably in a bank.
- Store lawn mowers, bicycles, and lawn furniture inside.
- Lights inside the house should be set on a timer.
- Set telephone bells as low as possible.
- Shades and drapes should be drawn.
- Cars left in the driveway should be locked.
- Make sure smoke detectors are working.
- All windows and doors should be locked.
- Give your house key & itinerary to at least one friend or neighbor.

Outdoor Burning Reminder: Sec. 12-3.

- (a) **No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, lumber, leaves, straw, tree branches, trees, logs or other combustible material on any improved street, gutter, parking strip, parkway, park, alley or any other town property within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheverly.**
- (b) **No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, lumber, leaves, straw, tree branches, trees, logs or other combustible material within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheverly, without first obtaining a permit from the Town of Cheverly, excluding outdoor cooking devices.**

(Ord. No. 11-77, 8-11-77)

**Charter
Reference -Authority to control and prevent
fires,
§ C-23A(26).**



Community Bulletin Board



CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB GRANT

If you are interested in gardening, flowers, programs to further your education, please apply for one of our Lifelong Learning Grants.

Beginning in February, the new grant applications will be at the Town Building. Applicants have used these grants to help fund courses.

The only requirement is that you must be a Cheverly resident or work for Cheverly to apply.

For further information please email Kay Holloway at kay_holloway@hotmail.com or snail mail Margaret Thrasher, 2406 59th

Cheverly Recreation Council

The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 28th at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Town Building.

We will be discussing the Spring Flea Market, Easter Egg Hunt and the Summer Playground. This is our last meeting until September 24, 2019.

We wish everyone an enjoyable Summer. See you in September!

Call Barbara, 301-773-5883.



The Cheverly Recreation Council is a proud sponsor of the John Dent Wilson Scholarship. Every year we award three \$500.00 college scholarships.

The scholarship is judged on a point system criteria with the highest points given to volunteering in Cheverly Community activities.

Below are the new/updated requirements for the scholarship.

The deadline for application submission is May 31, 2019. Please email judydeleon@aol.com for application information.

1. Must be a full time college freshman in the fall of 2019.
2. Must volunteer in at least one Cheverly Recreation Council sponsored activity in the past 12 months:
 - Halloween party/parade
 - Holiday party
 - Easter egg hunt



CHEVERLY FREE BOOTCAMP!

Join Cheverly Free Bootcamp for community-led workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

We meet at the Community Center. Please use the back double doors

near the new covered building construction.

Bring water, hand weights, mat, and jump rope if you have them!

"Community-led" means members of the group volunteer to lead the workouts. People of all levels of experience are welcome and all workouts are scalable.

Officially join the roster of membership by contacting us in our Facebook group (search for Cheverly Bootcamp) or our google group (search for Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp).

Community Bulletin Board

Woman's Club - Lura Buck, the Cheverly Woman's Club and early schools

This month we're filling in some gaps in our December article about the earliest days of the Woman's Club and the effect of the Club on our community. Papers from the Cheverly Woman's Club files reveal the significance of the availability of schools in attracting buyers for the new development. These answer some questions left open in our earlier article. There was a one room frame building in the adjoining community of Tuxedo that served as a school for the area. In 1918/19, the student body was only four students. The building had fallen into disrepair. The roof leaked, the chimney smoked, and the glass in the windows was broken. The tops of the old wooden desks had been slashed and carved with initials so that the students had to find something hard and smooth to put under their papers in order to write. Boards were missing from the walls of the coal shed and other adjacent buildings. Teachers were hard to find and keep, not only because of the condition of the school but also because there were many positions available with the Federal Government, just over the line and easily reachable by train and paying the lofty wage of \$95 per month.

When the position of teacher for the small four-student school was offered to Mrs. Lura Buck, an experienced teacher already living in Cheverly, she agreed to accept the position only on the condition that repairs to the school be made. When the county Superintendent of Schools failed to follow through on promises to help, she recruited Mrs. Marshall for help and together they gathered all the women of the community and formed the Cheverly-Tuxedo School Improvement Association. When the club's suppers, entertainments, and lawn parties raised a considerable amount of money, the county relented and matched the funds so the repairs could be made.

The repaired school brought back students who had left and, with new families moving into the new houses, the one room quickly became overcrowded. Another room was needed, as well as playground space. Mrs. Buck made an in-person appeal to the county Superintendent of Education. She was turned down, this time with an excuse from the Supervisor of Rural Schools that there was only \$5000 for rural school construction for the whole county. She contacted Mr. Marshall and obtained his agreement to provide as

much land as needed plus \$1000 cash if the county would build a new brick school in Cheverly. (Of course, it was to his advantage to be able to offer the availability of a new school to those interested in buying homes in his development.) The county agreed to build a two room brick school in Cheverly, just over the border from the Tuxedo subdivision. There was some dissension about the loss of the Tuxedo location, but this offer was too good to resist. In order to furnish and equip the classrooms, all then lot holders were asked to make a voluntary contribution of approximately \$5.00. The new Cheverly Tuxedo school was completed in 1923 and the Cheverly-Tuxedo School Improvement Association changed its name to the Cheverly Woman's Club.

It wasn't long before the influx of new students exceeded the capacity of the two-classroom school. In 1929, with 95 students in 7 grades, a temporary school classroom was added at Mount Hope and in 1930 construction of two additional classrooms and an auditorium was completed at the Cheverly Tuxedo School. There have been several more additions over the years and the building, now known as the Judith P. Hoyer Facility, currently houses administrative offices.

Stay tuned for more about our early days in upcoming newsletters.

Meetings

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 22 and 29 - 9:30 a.m. All at the community center.

Invitation - In honor of the 100th year celebration of the Woman's Club and in recognition of May being Peace Month, I would like to invite everyone to a "Chat & Chew" on May 11, 2019. Everyone will have already voted, and it will be a great time to bury hatchets and break bread as neighbors. All electoral candidates, their families, and Cheverly residents are invited to attend. We have an extremely small house, so I'm asking that all bad attitudes be left at home as we just don't have room for them. Let's come together and embody the "We Are Cheverly" slogan. Join me across the bridge at 1702 61st Avenue from 3 - 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

Kayce Munyeneh, 240-478-4077, 301-560-6604

See the Peace Month calendar and remember to "pass love along" every day.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB CREATES LOVE AND PEACE - MAY 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

The path of peace is an every day,
every hour, every minute effort.
Remember to create love every day.

5) Ramadan begins at 8:04 p.m. This Muslim holiday starts from a place of peace, mercy, light, and compassion and suggests we open our heart to a stranger.

6) Pay attention to the words you use and your tone of voice.

7) Visit the Community Center this month to spend a few minutes reading the words of peace from the Woman's Club in the showcase.

8) Show compassion to a person who has angered you in the past.

9) Take a few moments to notice the extraordinary NATURE in your own backyard.

10) "It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must work for it." (Eleanor Roosevelt)

11) You are invited to a "Chat & Chew". Kayce Munyeneh Family, 1703 61st Ave. *see Woman's Club article for more details.

12) Today let's celebrate unconditional love in all forms.

13) Cheverly Peace Camp, July 23 - 27 at CUMC. Visit www.lffp.org. to learn more. Register your 4-14 year old(s) today. Scholarships available from the Woman's Club

14) Visit Pinkey's Park and the Cheverly Peace Pole. 59th & Beecher St.

15) An act of Congress designates today as Police Officers Memorial Day.

16) Teens over 14 years can earn service hours at Peace Camp. Learn more at www.lffp.org.

17) Bike To Work Day

18) CHEVERLY DAY. Join with your family, friends, and neighbors in community.

19) Have a conversation with a younger person about how he/she feels about a current life issue.

20) Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while.

21) "Be the change you want to see in this world." - (Gandhi)

22) Today, spend a moment to remember all victims of gun violence.

23) Use 60 seconds of silence to imagine a loving and peaceful community.

24) Pay someone a compliment. Be honest and sincere.

25) At Peace Camp campers use art, games and presentations to learn mindfulness, empathy, anger management, & conflict resolution.

26) Spend some quiet time with family members to appreciate our military.

27) Memorial Day Remembrance American Legion #108 at Legion Park at 11 a.m.

28) Amnesty International Day - est. 1961 in London. Educate yourself, family, and friends about places in the world where civil liberties are most at risk

29) Joan Mulholland will attend the showing of her video "An Ordinary Hero". She was a Freedom Rider during the Civil Rights Movement. CUMC at 7 p.m.

30) Happy Graduation to all 2019 Cheverly high school students graduating in May.

31) Have a conversation with an older person about how she/he feels about a current life issue.

32) In every community there is work to be done. In every nation there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it." (Marianne Williamson)

33) World Press Freedom Day - proclaimed by the United Nations in 1993 to allow for mutual understanding to build a sustainable peace.

34) Be Your Best Self. Experience compassion, kindness, respect, honesty, love, and peace.

35) Evening Fireworks

(Sting) "Love is stronger than justice." If you feel you have been "unjusticed" and are looking for "justice", you may be looking for the wrong thing. What would happen if you sought love instead? And what would happen if you gave love instead of seeking it? (Neale Donald Walsch)

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Cheverly Troop 257 took advantage of the rising spring to forge some outdoor accomplishments: On April 6, the Troop made an 11 Mile Hike on the C & O Canal, and built a dozen Blue Bird Houses for Cheverly Earth Day.

Coming up, Troop 257 will enjoy a paddle trip of the Antietam Battlefield on May 4, and will demonstrate a catapult for Cheverly Day on May 18.

The Troop will join with Pack 257 for the annual Graduation Campout in June, and to wrap up the year, will head for a week of fun, skill-building, and badges at Rodney Scout Reservation in North East, MD.

There's still time: Our next regular troop meeting is on Sunday, May 19, at 6:30 at the Cheverly American Legion, Post 108. Join us! Or call Caroline Jarboe, Membership Chair, at 301-322-4241 or David Abram, Scoutmaster, at abramdavid@aol.com or (202-744-7100).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us!
Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28, 2019
6-8PM (dinner will be provided)
visit: <https://cumcvbs.myanswers.com>
to register and volunteer

Cheverly United Methodist Church
2801 Cheverly Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785



Cheverly Recreation Council

On Saturday, April 20, 2019, we had a wonderful turn out of more than 250 children for the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Then everyone went outside to look for Easter Eggs in their age group. After they found their eggs everyone got a goodie bag and a rabbit. An enjoyable day for all.

Winners of the Easter Egg Hunt

1st Place



From Left to Right:
Ashley Guevara (7-9 Yrs)
Cesar Sales (5 - 6 Yrs)
Ayden Brown (3 - 4 Yrs)
Elizabeth Grove (2 & under)

2nd Place



From Left to Right:
Malaki Robinson (7-9 Yrs)
Olivia Downes (5 - 6 Yrs)
Michelle Belchen (3 - 4 Yrs)
Luke Malone (2 & under)

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Cheverly Day Tea Party!

Cheverly Village loves to celebrate, and we invite you to join us on Cheverly Day—May 18—for a delightful Afternoon Tea, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Find us down the hill at Cheverly United Methodist Church (CUMC), in the fourth floor Parlor. All ages are welcome, *and* we ask children to please bring their parents. If possible, please respond to RSVP@CheverlyVillage.org, so we know how many cookies to have on hand! There's no fee, but contributions of any size are always welcome.

Speaking of celebrating, check out the photos below from our recent Annual Meeting, held on March 31 in CUMC's Fogel Hall (Photos by Liz Reitzig):



At the Annual Meeting: Members & volunteers shared stories (above); we elected Maurice Stewart and Eric Radloff (far right) to the Board; Diane La Voy rotated off the Board (at right with cofounder Laila Riazi); and the Village's Singing Circle led us in "A Parting Glass."



Please call or write us to find out how to be a member, a volunteer, or a supporter of Cheverly Village: 240-770-1033, Village@CheverlyVillage.org.

--by Cheverly Village Board of Directors

Progressive Cheverly

Progressive Cheverly is a grassroots, volunteer-led organization that's been supporting democracy from the ground up since 2005. On the first Thursday of the month from September to June, we host interactive forums where residents can ask questions and voice concerns.

FORUM: Thursday, May 2 at 7pm -- Criminal Justice Reform

Join us for a discussion and Q&A with speakers Quiana Johnson, Executive Director of Life After Release and Ereik L. Barron, Delegate from District 24 as we address the topics of challenging mass incarceration, organizing for criminal justice and police reform in our County. Light refreshments served. ASL interpretation provided.

Our last forum of the year will be held on **Thursday, June 6 at 7pm**: Topic TBD.

Where: Hoyer Education Center cafeteria (2300 Belleview Avenue), Cheverly. Parking is available.

All are welcome.

Like Progressive Cheverly on Facebook. To join Progressive Cheverly or contribute, go online to progressivecheverly.org.

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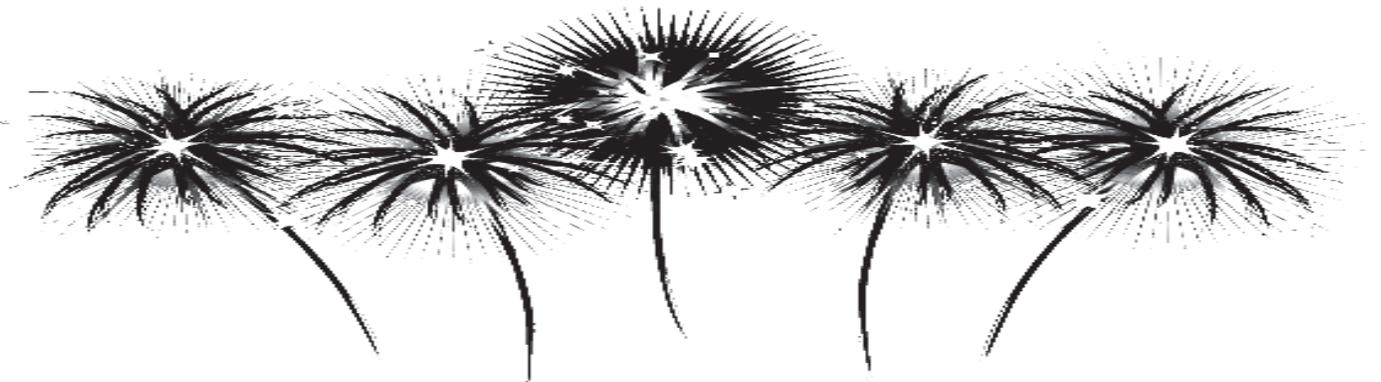
Cheverly Day – May 18, 2019

Schedule

12:00 – 2:00	Ralph J. Vendemia Memorial East-West Softball Game
2:00 – 6:00	Midway Putt Putt Golf course Food
2:30 - 4:30	Afternoon Tea with Cheverly Village (at CUMC)
2:30 – 6:00	Bubble Soccer
3:00 – 5:00	Laser Tag (Sponsored by RLAH Real Estate)
8:30ish	Fireworks

Music lineup

2:00	WILD ANACOSTIAS. Join this Louisiana-style party band as it marches from the Cheverly United Methodist Church to the stage at Town Park. Put on your beads and parasols and march with us!
3:45	JAZZ ONE - Jazz Standards
5:00	MOOSE JAW - Bluegrass
6:15	GRUPO HALCON De XABIN- Tropical Spanish
7:30	THE EXCLUSIVES - R&B, Rock, Funk, Punk
8:00	CHEVERLY KIDS CHORUS - Tribute to Cheverly and The National Anthem



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Cheverly Garden Club

Growing and planting weather has finally arrived! For 65 years we have been sharing garden experiences with the Cheverly community. If you enjoy planting, please come to the Plant Sale sponsored by the Cheverly Garden Club. On May 11th the PLANT SALE begins at 9:00 AM at the Town Pavilion, complete with sharpening your garden tools and refreshments for sale from the American Legion Auxiliary. Plants from Cheverly gardens will be for sale at lower than nursery prices. We will have vegetables, herbs and annuals among the perennials. A great native plant for your garden is Phlox, one of the earliest plants discovered by European naturalists in America and such lovely colors and heights. Butterflies love to visit its nectar filled funnel-shaped flower tubes. Please do not forget that the Lifetime Learning Grant is available for Cheverly residents. If you want to know more, ask a garden club member. A bus trip to Winchester, Virginia is planned for September, more information to follow.

Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

May Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2019 - 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center

6401 Forest Road, Cheverly

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com for a copy of the meeting agenda.

GREEN @ HOME -- Why not Crape Myrtle?

Some of our neighbors have been asking why the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is suggest-

ing that we don't plant crape myrtle. The short answer is that if we want birds, we must have the insects that feed their young. And if we want those beneficial insects, we must have the plants that support them, native plants that evolved together with the insects. That's why the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee recommends native plants. Crape myrtles do not support the insects our birds eat.

Here's what entomologist Doug Tallamy says about crape myrtle:

"Crape myrtle (Genus Lagerstroemia), for example, is an enormously popular landscape plant because it has a nice habit, beautiful flowers, and lovely bark. But it contributes almost nothing to the food webs in your garden. If every plant in your yard were a crape myrtle, you would have no food webs and, thus, no birds, butterflies, or other beneficial wildlife. Does that mean you can't have one or two crape myrtles? No. Right now, though, about 80 percent of the plants in our suburban landscapes are Asian ornamentals, like crape myrtle. We need to balance the number of decorative plants in our gardens with plants that are contributing in ecologically important ways; otherwise, we will have beautiful but sterile landscapes."

We in Cheverly are in luck because our Department of Public Works will plant trees native to our area. Public Works will plant them FREE in your yard. Some of those available are dogwood, fringe tree, American holly, sweetbay magnolia, and serviceberry. You can find the list, along with the tree application form, on the town website. As a bonus, you will find a list of available trees and even an evaluation of the environmental value of each. The trees I mentioned all have medium environmental value. Find the form and list at http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_PubWorks/Tree%20agreement%20form.pdf.

The Maryland Home and Garden Information Center is available to help you with suggestions tailored to your yard. Contact them at www.extension.umd.edu.



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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Mon	May 6, 2019 7:00am - 8:00pm	ELECTION
Thurs	May 9, 2019 8:00pm	Town Meeting
Sat	May 18, 2019 Noon-9:00pm	Cheverly Day
Thurs	May 23, 2019 7:30pm	Worksession
Mon	May 27	Memorial Day—Offices Closed
Thurs	June 13, 2019 8:00pm	Town Meeting
Thurs	June 27, 2019 7:30pm	Worksession

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- ◆ May 1 - 9:30am - Woman's Club
 - ◆ May 6 - 7:30-9:00pm - Green Infrastructure Committee
 - ◆ May 8 - 9:30am - Woman's Club
 - ◆ May 11 - 9am- PLANT SALE - Cheverly Garden Club
 - ◆ May 11 - 5pm - Chat & Chew (Woman's Club 1702 61st Ave)
 - ◆ May 13 - 7pm - Woman's Club
 - ◆ May 18 - noon-9pm - Cheverly Day
 - ◆ May 22 - 9:30am - Woman's Club
 - ◆ May 28 - 7 pm - Cheverly Recreation Council
 - ◆ May 29 - 9:30am - Woman's Club

CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

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